

Delaware's Office of Unclaimed Property Website Is Moving

State Escheator and Office of Unclaimed Property Director Brenda Mayrack this week announced that Delaware's Office of Unclaimed Property will be moving its website to unclaimedproperty.delaware.gov. By federal policy, U.S. government-related domain names (".gov") are only available to official governmental organizations in the United States. Originally launched in October of 2015, delaware.findyourunclaimedproperty.com has provided the public with easy access to the state's searchable unclaimed property database, and allowed visitors to submit and check claim status online. The basic website and all of its functionality will remain the same, and visitors to the old address will be automatically redirected to unclaimedproperty.delaware.gov in the short term.

"Given the high number of unclaimed property scams we see across the country, we want to increase confidence among owners trying to recover property held here in Delaware," said Director Mayrack. "With the new domain, users will be able to immediately recognize that they are using an official state website."

Additionally, the site now offers enhanced property searching. Potential claimants may perform their own searches online anytime, or they may submit a request for an enhanced search to be completed by Delaware's Unclaimed Property staff.

Unclaimed Property holders, which include banks, insurance companies and other business entities, should note that they must now file all reports via the website – the Office of Unclaimed Property no longer accepts filings on paper or other

digital media. Holders (inclusive of most business entities, except banking organizations and insurance companies) who must comply with the state's approaching March 1, 2019 spring reporting deadline should note the new website to ensure timely filing of their reports. All holders must report by uploading a National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA)-compliant file or by using the Manual Online Reporting option. Manual Online Reporting allows holders with only a few properties to enter the property and report details online, and avoid the expense of creating a NAUPA-compliant file. For technical assistance with reporting, please see the Updated Holder Reporting guidelines available online, or contact Delaware's Holder Reporting Unit at: escheat.holderquestions@delaware.gov or 302-577-8782, option #2.